



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Dent Middle
Richland 2
Grades: 6-8
Enrollment: 1,267
Principal: Randall R. Gary
Superintendent: Dr. Stephen Hefner
Board Chair: Melinda Anderson

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

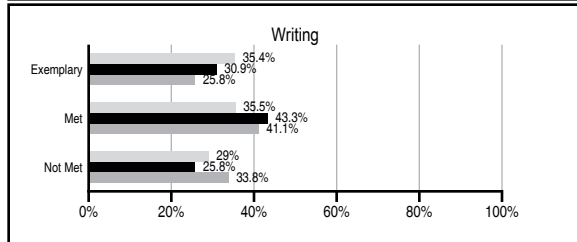
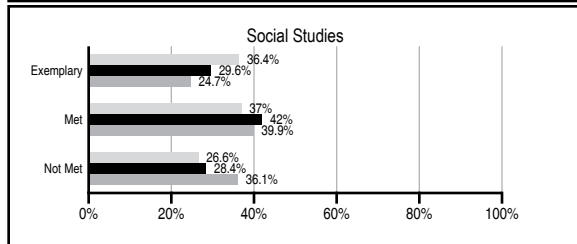
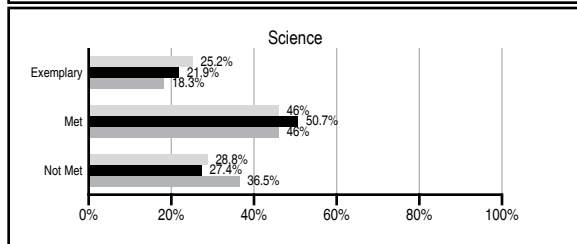
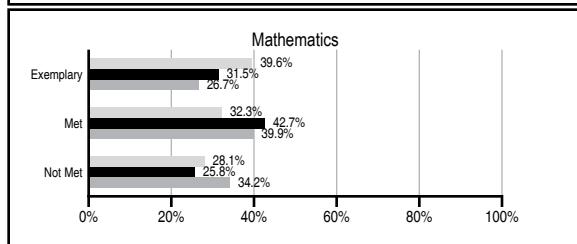
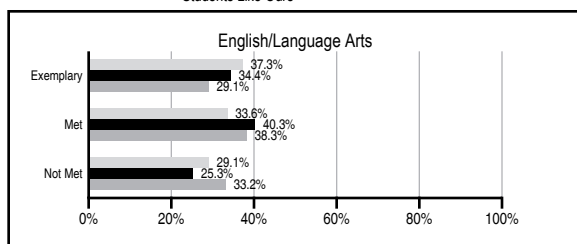
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	11	38	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	31	44	23	2
Nation	27	43	27	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

MATH – GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	29	39	24	7
Nation	30	39	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	46	31	21	2
Nation	43	30	24	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	98.0	97.3
English 1	N/A	96.9
Physical Science	N/A	91.9
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.0	96.9

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=1,267)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	51.2%	Up from 47.6%	24.1%	21.6%
Retention rate	1.4%	Up from 1.2%	1.1%	1.2%
Attendance rate	99.5%	Up from 98.4%	95.9%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	17.6%	Down from 18.9%	18.0%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	7.7%	Down from 8.8%	11.6%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	1.8%	Up from 1.6%	2.1%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.4%	Down from 3.8%	0.8%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=93)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.0%	Up from 70.3%	57.4%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	61.3%	Up from 53.8%	75.9%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	6.4%	Down from 12.0%	5.0%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.2%	Up from 76.1%	85.5%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.9%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,554	Up 3.8%	\$47,140	\$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.4%	Down from 4.0%	0.7%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	9.4 days	Down from 9.8 days	10.6 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.6 to 1	Down from 20.0 to 1	21.8 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	94.0%	Up from 93.0%	89.9%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.9%	Up from 95.6%	98.7%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,825	Down 0.9%	\$6,963	\$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.9%	Down from 68.7%	63.7%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.6%	Down from 63.1%	57.9%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	93.9%	Up from 64.5%	92.0%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	47	344	190
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.4%	73.5%	92.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.5%	73.6%	80.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	70.2%	81.1%	81.5%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

As the oldest school in Richland School District Two, Dent Middle School has a long history of excellence and continues to be a pillar in the Dentsville community. While continuing to promote our goals of teaching and learning, strides have been made throughout the years to ensure our continued progression toward meeting these goals. In anticipation of the challenges that will confront us in the future, we are positioning ourselves to prepare our students for a bold, new technological, multi-cultural, global society.

Our students boasted multiple awards and commendations this year. They performed exceptionally well in the regional science fair and received several first place awards. We had over eighty students recognized as Junior Scholars, and our team won the state championship MATHCOUNTS competition. Our symphonic band received a superior rating at the South Carolina Band Directors Association competition. Several students were awarded superior ratings at Solo and Ensemble Festival and were selected for All Region and All State Bands. As a result, Dent's bands received the coveted Outstanding Performance Award. The orchestra also received a superior rating, and the chorus received an excellent rating at their festival. The steel drum band continues to impress audiences with its smooth Caribbean beats, and Dent's Shine! literary magazine celebrated its fourth year of publication.

We take exceptional pride in the strength and diversity of the programs we offer, of the quality of our teachers, of the participation of our parents, and especially of the accomplishments of our students. We will continue to demonstrate a committed effort toward communicating our school's vision and values, improving student achievement, and exhibiting pride in accomplishing our goals. The 2009-2010 school year promises to be one of continued growth and successes. With your help, I know we will reach all of our goals.

Randall R. Gary, Principal
Joan Talley, SIC Chair

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